Background

Scholarship is a key component of the academic mission and vision of the Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, University of Ottawa. To support this mission, the Department offers funding in the form of uOttawa Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine (uOAPM) Scholarship Grants. These grants are funded from annual contributions from faculty. uOAPM Grants will be awarded annually, on a competitive basis, to fund supplies, personnel, and services required for original scholarship. All fields of scholarship within the Department are eligible; this may include, but is not limited to anesthesiology, pain medicine, perioperative medicine, global health, hyperbaric medicine, and quality improvement, and medical education.

What is the Purpose of uOAPM Grants?

uOAPM Grants are intended to provide seed or start-up funds for scholarship programs or projects. uOAPM Grants are operating grants (personnel, supplies, services; they may not be used to support investigator salary.

Projects that contribute to the one or several of the following goals are preferred:
   a) provide proof of concept or pilot data for a subsequent externally funded study
   b) clearly link the content of the proposed project to a novel component of a larger, scholarship agenda.
   c) support a uOttawa anesthesiologist in expanding their study to a multidisciplinary or multicentre format

The ultimate goal of a uOAPM funded project is peer-reviewed publication.

How Much Funding is Available?

A total of $175,000 is available annually with a maximum value of $30,000 on any individual award.

Who May Apply?

Applicants must be a member of the faculty of uOttawa Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine during the term of the award. Applications from new faculty who will join the Department within the fiscal year of the award, will be considered. All faculty members are eligible to apply.

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An individual faculty member may submit a single application each year. This does not preclude this individual serving as a co-investigator on other projects.

**How Does One Apply?**

An application form may be obtained from the uOttawa Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine Research webpage under the Resources tab. The form includes a description of the proposal, the impact of the findings and budget justification. Instructions are included on the application.

The primary applicant must submit a Canadian Common CV or University of Ottawa eCV. Co-investigators qualifications and roles are to be summarized in the application.

All related documents are to be consolidated into a single PDF file and emailed to makimov@toh.on.ca.

**When is the application due?**

Applications are due no later than Friday February 8, 2019 at 1600h.

**How are uOAPM Grants Awarded?**

Applications will be considered by a Review Panel consisting of two uOttawa faculty as nominated by the Vice Chair Research. One external reviewer will be sought whenever possible. Reviewers will evaluate applications using the framework described in Section 7 of the CIHR Peer Review Manual [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/4656.html#s3_6](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/4656.html#s3_6).

Written evaluations of the grants will be used to identify applications for in-person discussion. The Review Panel will meet to finalize both distribution and dollar value of individual awards. Members of the uOttawa Anesthesia Executive Committee will also be invited to this review panel, to act as non-voting observers. This review will take place in early March of each annual funding cycle.

The results of each competition will be announced at Gary Johnson Research Day each year. Names of the recipients will also be posted on the Departmental website, and listed in the newsletter and the Departmental annual report.
The Research Committee believes in the transparency of the funding allocation process. The protocols along with the peer reviewers’ comments will be posted on the “private” section of the Departmental website. In the interest of protection of intellectual property, it is understood that all information posted on this site is confidential. Protocols and study documents are not to be distributed.

What is the Term of the Award?

uOAPM Grants are for a term of one year. Awards will be paid directly to the individual anesthesia faculty member’s research institute account (OHRI; UOHIRI, CHEORI). Specific arrangements will be made with each of the respective research institutes regarding the transfer and disbursement of funds.

Are Awards Renewable?

Yes. Renewals will be considered with other applications in a given year. Previous funding and ranking will not be considered by the reviewers in the current competition.

Applicants are reminded that the purpose of a uOAPM award is to provide a springboard for external peer-reviewed grants. An application related to an existing scholarship project will be scrutinized regarding its potential to attract new, external funding. Evidence of application for external funds should be submitted with the application. Renewals must also identify expected target agencies for new applications for external funding.

What if I have several scholarship projects?

Faculty who have several scholarship projects may briefly summarize the most significant elements of each project in a single, composite application.

What if I would like to submit a collaborative or inter-institutional project?

It is expected that the uOttawa Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine applicant is the principal investigator for the study. If proposing a collaborative project, the individual contributions of each investigator should be clearly stated. uOAPM Grants cannot be used to fund local participation in another investigator's multi-centre trial.

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What Conditions are Placed on the Award?

Ethics Approval

Applicants must have submitted their protocol to their local REB at the time of application. REB approval is required before funds are released. Evidence of REB submission, or waiver of REB approval in select cases, must be included with the application form.

Trainee Engagement

In support of the CanMEDs Scholar role, it is expected that applications offer the opportunity for trainees to join the project team. A clear description of the trainee’s role in the project and their deliverables are required. Trainees include fellows, residents, and students (medical, graduate, other).

Presentation of Research and/or Data

Presentation at a national forum such the Canadian Anesthesiologists’ Society Annual Meeting (or equivalent) is a minimum requirement. Submission of uOAPM Grant related work for peer-reviewed publication is expected.

External Peer Reviewed Funding

As uOAPM grants are intended to stimulate scholarship it is expected that a submission for external peer-reviewed funding related to the uOAPM Grant will be undertaken within one year of the award. Failure to leverage uOAPM funding with external grant applications will significantly prejudice subsequent uOAPM applications.

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Progress Reports

A report on the use of a uOAPM grant must be submitted within 18 months of payment. Evidence of application for external, peer-reviewed funds should be included. Progress reports will be reviewed annually by the Research Committee.

Classification of uOAPM Grants

uOAPM Grants are Intra-Mural, Peer-Reviewed and Competitive.

Where can I seek advice on my application?

Applicants may also seek advice from their mentor or the Vice-Chair Research, Dr Greg Bryson at glbryson@toh.ca.